



Executive Committee

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MINUTES OF ESCP ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday 25 September 2010

Sorrento, Italy

1 Present

See appendix 1

2 President's Welcome

Prof Romano welcomed all to the meeting, thanking the Executive for their support during his year as President.

3 Minutes of the last meeting were approved with no matters arising.

4 Special Resolutions and Adjustments

Prof. O'Connell reminded those present of the approval last year to amend constitutional documentation in the form of Articles and Memorandum of Association, bringing about a fusion of ESCP's Austrian and (former EACP) UK legal documentation. He outlined the requirement now to also adjust the Rules which are the day to day guidelines along which the Society runs, and which work in conjunction with the Articles and Memoranda of Association. He explained that the adjustments proposed had been reviewed by the Executive and Council, and would ensure that Rules are aligned and are up to date. He then proceeded to explain them clearly, indicating that the Rules will next year be included in the Membership Booklet:

4.1 List of countries in geographic regions: it was proposed that countries not previously named, Malta, Belarus, Moldova, Egypt, would be added, and that the Czech Republic, Slovenia & Slovakia would be moved into the central region to re-balance countries overall. This was proposed Najib Haboubi and seconded by Giovanni Romano and agreed by all present.

4.2 Membership

Three changes were proposed:

- The American Society of Colorectal Surgeons had allowed ESCP members to attend their meeting at member rates, and ESCP now wishes to formalise a reciprocal arrangement to offer ASCRS' members the same facility. *He clarified also that this does not extend to membership itself or website access but it was hoped that website services could be explored for the future.*
- A clause that allows expulsion for dishonourable behaviour, which it is hoped will never be needed but needs to be included
- A clause that can revoke honorary membership, again unlikely but necessary



- 4.2 These were proposed by Freddy Penninckx and seconded by Brendan Moran and approved by all present.
- 4.3 **Structure of Committee System**
Professor O’Connell outlined changes that would bring more structure to the Council by defining standing sub-committees (Program, Training, Website, Journal and Research). In addition, he highlighted the requirement that the Council might on occasions create other sub-committees for a period of time as necessary. Finally it was proposed that the chairmen of these groups should be time limited to 3 years with an extension to 6 years if agreeable to the Committee for practical purposes. This was proposed by Giovanni Romano and seconded by Peter Dawson.
- 4.4 Professor O’Connell outlined the changes to the executive committee (see appendix 2, slide 1). This was proposed by Freddy Penninckx and seconded by Hector Ortiz.
- 4.5 Professor O’Connell outlined the changes to the committees’ terms of reference regarding the Training and Education Committee (see appendix 2, slide 2). This was proposed by John Nicholls and seconded by Paul Antoine Lehur.
- 4.6 Professor O’Connell outlined the changes to the Committees’ terms of reference regarding the Research Committee. This was proposed by Freddy Penninckx and seconded by Hector Ortiz.
- 4.7 Professor O’Connell outlined the changes to the committees’ terms of reference regarding the Website Committee. This was proposed by Najib Haboubi and seconded by Giovanni Romano.
- 4.8 Professor O’Connell outlined the changes to the Trustees (see appendix 2, slide 3). This was proposed by Brendan Moran and seconded by Hector Ortiz.
- 4.9 Professor O’Connell outlined the policy relating to registration rates (see appendix 2, slide 4). This was proposed by Peter Dawson and seconded by John Nicholls.
- 4.10 Professor O’Connell outlined the policy relating to Committee expense reimbursement (see appendix 2, slide 5). This was proposed by Zoran Krivokapic, and seconded by Freddy Penninckx.

All adjustments to the Rules were agreed *nem con*.

5 **Secretary’s Report**

Professor O’Connell thanked and congratulated Giovanni Romano for hosting such a successful event, saying that the venue and facilities had been excellent and that it was the most successful meeting yet, with 970 full registrants and over 1000 guests. There had been 760 abstract submissions of which nearly 400 were accepted, an extraordinary sign of endeavour in our specialty across Europe.



- 5.1 Sponsorship:** Prof. O’Connell highlighted that there had been challenges with sponsorship since one major sponsor had considered Sorrento an inappropriate venue; he thanked other companies who had supported ESCP regardless.
- 5.2 ESCP Newspaper:** Prof. O’Connell informed of the successful first launch of “*ESCP News*” which had been underwritten by Dendrite, he said that it had been a very useful addition to the meeting and it is hoped that this would be repeated next year.
- 5.3 Committee & Executive meetings:** Prof. O’Connell also reported that Council meetings had taken place in Vienna in January and in Sorrento just before the meeting began. He reported also that the Executive had teleconferenced many times during the year, as had the Scientific Committee. He indicated that the Executive were now agreed that there was a clear need for a strategic plan for the Society in order that it is not simply a one-meeting organisation.
- 5.4 Journal:** Prof. O’Connell reported that the relationship with *Colorectal Disease* journal is a healthy one and that the journal is now returning a profit, and that there are now monthly issues. He congratulated Honorary Member John Nicholls and his colleagues for their service and Prof. Nicholls’ dedication as Editor, saying that ESCP was very pleased to be so closely linked to the journal.
- 5.5 ESCP Membership booklet**
Prof. O’Connell reported that the booklet had been published again and contains contact details of 700 surgeons in 52 countries. He said that he fully expected that this would become an increasingly important resource for the Society.

6 Appointments

- 6.1** Professor O’Connell outlined forthcoming appointments for President and other Executive/Committee positions as follows:

President – Freddy Penninckx (*approved last year as President Elect*)
President Elect – Zoran Krivokapic (*approved last year as President in Waiting*)
President in Waiting – Søren Laurberg
Treasurer – Thomas Schiedeck (*approved last year as Treasurer Elect*)
Assistant Secretary – Johann Pfeifer
Website Committee – Miklos Kassai

Appointments for President in Waiting, Assistant Secretary and Website Committee Chair were proposed by Brendan Moran and seconded by Peter Dawson. They were agreed by all present. Prof. O’Connell thanked David Bartolo for his service as Web Committee Chairman over the last three years.

6.2 National Representatives

Professor O’Connell welcomed the new National Representatives taking office:

- Belgium: Marc Duinslaeger
- Croatia: Marko Doko



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- Czech Republic: Julius Orhalmi
 - Israel: Hagit Tulchinsky
 - Italy: Filippo La Torre
 - Switzerland: Daniel Dindo
 - Netherlands: Peter-Paul L.O. Coene

In addition it was noted that David Waldron will take over from Roy Maxwell for Ireland at the AGM in September 2011.

7 **Tripartite Colorectal Meeting**

Professor O'Connell outlined details about the next Tripartite Colorectal meeting, with which ESCP is affiliated, which will be held in Cairns, Australia, on 3 -7 July 2011. He advised that the deadline for abstracts is 3 December 2010 and that abstracts submitted for ESCP 2011 can also be submitted to Tripartite 2011. He indicated that many are interested that this becomes a quadripartite meeting in four years time, formalising ESCP's involvement as a partner organisation.

8 **External Relationships**

- 8.1 **American Society of Colorectal Surgeons:** Professor O'Connell reported movement on external relationships, particularly with ASCRS last year and this year with the meeting attended by their President. He explained that it was now proposed by ASCRS that sponsored symposia be arranged at each meeting, with ESCP holding a symposium at ASCRS meeting. Prof. O'Connell emphasised the significance of this collegiality in terms of ESCP reaching such a level of recognition.

He also advised that ASCRS and ESCP would exchange a Travelling Fellowship for the best free paper submission presented at each others' meetings; this will be included in the program along with the Japanese Visiting Fellow. Furthermore, he advised that links within ASCRS and ESCP websites will also be explored by the Website Committee.

8.2 **International Council of Coloproctology**

Prof. O'Connell reported that he had received a letter from Graham Newstead on behalf of the International Council of Coloproctology, an organisation formerly known as the World Council of Coloproctology. He was asked to bring this to everyone's attention, it is a body comprising more than 50 organisations; it had been discussed at Council and agreed that this membership should be informed that in principle, ESCP should support it.

8.3 **External Relationships – Europe**

8.3.1 **UEGF:**

Professor O'Connell outlined what UEGF does and its position in relation to other related societies. He advised that ESCP now has six positions on their Committees which gives us certain rights and responsibilities. He outlined those representing ESCP as follows:

- Council – Alexander Engel
- General Assembly – Mike Parker/Giovanni Romano (*taking over from Cor Baeten*)
- Education – Johann Pfeifer
- Scientific – Anna Martling
- New Trends – Dieter Hahnloser



He explained that a Sub-Committee would be formed by these representatives to present a coordinated to UEGF to make the most of the opportunity whilst safeguarding ESCP's own identity as a Society in its own right.

Najib Haboubi asked whether the Sub Committee needed a Chair to report to Council and the Executive. Prof. O'Connell advised that Alexander Engel had been nominated in his absence, subject to final agreement.

8.3.2 sECCO

Prof. O'Connell advised that ECCO (European Crohn's and Colitis Organisation) is driven by gastroenterologists and has had little surgical input, but that Andre D'Hoore had created a surgical subgroup within it which had been welcomed by ECCO, adding that ECCO was also another body within UEGF. He advised that the founders of this sub-group had been clear that is in no way competing with ESCP but exists to ensure that surgical representation at ECCO is heard.

John Nicholls highlighted the importance of this liaison; he asked whether reciprocal Council representation might be considered in order that an ECCO representative might attend ESCP's Council to bring about a more balanced arrangement. Ronan O'Connell advised that an ESCP Strategic Committee would be formed shortly to discuss external relationships, and that it does have to be a two way process; he reported that ECCO might contribute to one ESCP's symposia on IBD, and that efforts were being made to try to ensure that ESCP has a presence at the ECCO meeting.

10 Membership Update

On behalf of Stefan Post, Membership Officer, Prof. O'Connell reported that there were now 740 members across 51 countries, which represented a 10% increase on 2009. He advised that there had been equal growth across all three geographical regions. 42% of membership comes from the western region, although 70% currently from the north-west part of Europe including Scandinavia, and it is hoped that in time this levels across Europe.

11 Web Committee

Miklos Kassai outlined the website plans to appraise the role appearance and functionality of the site. He advised that tenders had been invited and one company now selected for the Executive's approval. He explained that the main focus was on Resources and Community, making the site a single point of information for coloproctology across Europe; he explained more about the content which would include lectures, guidelines, expert sessions and more, integrating also with national organisations and building an online community with a Face book type facility so that surgeons can talk to each other and share ideas.

Professor O'Connell emphasised what an important development this is, he suggested that everyone adds www.escp.eu.com to their "favourites" and begin to use it more.



12 Treasurer's Report & Election of Auditors

12.1 Mike Parker outlined the current bank position

- Year end 2009: bank balance at 31 December 2009 was €391,000
- Estimated year end position for 2010: €488,222

He presented an overview of the last three years income and expenditure to illustrate that ESCP has been successful in reaching a good level of financial reserves. He reminded those present that many years ago, he had set out aims that the Society's membership income should be able to cover office costs, and that there should be adequate funds in the bank to cover the sudden unexpected loss of an annual meeting.

He reported that income comes from four sources: membership subscription, conference registration, commercial partners/sponsors and €25,000 from UEGF. He showed a summary of the past five years which illustrated a gradual increase in meeting surplus, highlighting that the projected position for Sorrento was expected to improve from the pre-meeting estimate of €16,421. He reported that the membership income of 66,000 would easily cover the office running costs.

He reported that as long as membership continues to flourish, he was confident that the Society would easily cover its outgoings. As far as conference was concerned, he indicated that in Copenhagen it was estimated that there could be a 10% increase in expenditure. He summarised by indicating that he did not propose any increase in membership fees for 2011, and that he hoped that ESCP could attract more corporate membership to the event.

12.2 Membership rates: Mr. Parker reported that membership rates for 2011 would be held at the same prices as for 2010.

He summarised by confirming that the targets he set out five years ago are now in place; he suggested that the Society could now begin to invest in new initiatives such as training. He advised that approximately half of reserves would now most likely be placed into a long term saving account, although some must be readily available for deposits on venues in Copenhagen and Vienna (2012) and it was felt that €300,000 should be the level of working capital available.

12.3 Conference fees for 2011: Mr. Parker reported that there was likely to be a minimal increase in conference fees for Copenhagen since expenditure was expected to rise by roughly 10%, but that if ESCP can attract sufficient corporate sponsorship, this could be minimised.

John Nicholls asked how secure the €25,000 from UEGF is. Mike Parker replied that it is secure as long as it is applied for each year. He advised that there may also be access to further funding for various initiatives.

12.4 Approval of accounts: Mr. Parker invited approval for the accounts, which was proposed by Najib Haboubi and seconded by Giovanni Romano. It was agreed by all present.



12.5 Approval of auditors: Mr. Parker invited approval of Whitelaw-Wells as auditors for the next year which was proposed by Brendan Moran and seconded by Bob Lane. It was agreed by all present.

12.6 Mr. Parker ended his report by reflecting on eight years of office, three for EACP and five since ESCP was formed, and he thanked the five presidents and two secretaries who had been in office for their support during his years in office. He also thanked Lindsey Whitehouse for her support.

Ronan O'Connell thanked Mike Parker for his dedication and hard work, and presented him with a gift from the Society.

13 Trustees' Report

Hector Ortiz reported on behalf of the Trustees that they had found the Society's affairs to be in good order; he also advised that a rolling basis for replacement of Trustees every three years had been established, and he showed a slide to explain this (*see appendix 2, slide 6*).

14 Future venue update

Ronan O'Connell advised that whilst ESCP had expected to go to Valencia, we were unable to get a clear commitment on facilities and research had therefore been undertaken as a contingency measure. He said that a new venue in Copenhagen had therefore been selected, and would be next year's venue. He also advised that Vienna had made a good financial offer for 2012 where their diary provided a good fit for ESCP, but that this had caused concern in Turkey which had been scheduled. He said that discussions were underway to determine which year ESCP would go to Istanbul.

A number of other cities were highlighted as potential destinations, and he asked that if anyone had a particular interest in hosting ESCP in their home city, they should let the office know; he pointing out that ESCP has now grown to a certain size and needs large facilities with a significant number of direct flights.

15 Inauguration of President

Prof. O'Connell invited Giovanni Romano to inaugurate Freddy Penninx as the new incoming President. Freddy Penninx said that it was an honour and a duty to become President of this growing Society, assuring everyone that he would aim to build on what had been done.

Prof. Penninx said that it would be his aim to increase the appeal of ESCP in Europe and abroad, increasing interaction with the American Society for example with regard to scientific aspects. He emphasised his need for collaboration through the Executive, National Representatives and Members, he will email every 3 months on behalf of sub committees with a short list of questions, in order that suggestions and new ideas can come through from everywhere in Europe. He also advised that he wanted to make the journal more attractive by collaboration with UEMS and ESCP, to bring about CME award for some articles as is done in other journals of high standing. He concluded by saying that he hoped that through these initiatives, ESCP membership would increase further.



16 Close of meeting

Prof. O'Connell closed the meeting by thanking Prof. Romano again for his hard work and passion for bringing about such a successful meeting.

17 Date of next meeting:

Saturday 24 September 2011 in Copenhagen.

Appendix 1 – Attendance list

Mikhail	Alekseev	Russia
Volodymyr	Andriiets	Ukraine
Corrado	Asteria	Italy
Rasoul	Azizi	Iran
David	Bartolo	United Kingdom
Abozed	Ben-sassi	United Kingdom
Juan Carlos	Bernal	Spain
Panchanan	Bhattacharya	United Kingdom
Tudor	Birsan	Austria
Mihalj	Bogar	Serbia
Mircea	Buganu	Romania
Steffen	Bulow	Denmark
Attila	Bursics	Hungary
Srinivas	Chintapatla	United Kingdom
Peter-paul	Coene	Netherlands
Herbert Maria	Dal Corso	Italy
Barbara	Dalla Via	Italy
Peter	Dawson	United Kingdom
Xavier	Delgadillo	Switzerland
Daniel	Dindo	Switzerland
Marc	Duinslaeger	Belgium
Alois	Fuerst	Germany
Ethem	Gecim	Turkey
Michael	Gerhards	Netherlands
Najib	Haboubi	United Kingdom
Jeroen	Heemskerk	Netherlands
Roman	Herman	Poland
Jiri	Hoch	Czech Republic
Ioannis	Karaitianos	Greece
Miklos	Kassai	United Kingdom
Jozef	Korcek	Slovakia
Zoran	Krivokapic	Serbia
Ayhan	Kuzu	Turkey
Filippo	La Torre	Italy
Robert	Lane	United Kingdom
Ferdinando	Lecce	Italy
Zbigniew	Lorenc	Poland
Mogens	Madsen	Denmark
Yasuko	Maeda	Japan
Peter	Matthiessen	Sweden
Roy	Maxwell	United Kingdom
Monica	Millan	Spain
Brendan	Moran	United Kingdom

Appendix 1 – Attendance list...cont'd

Riccardo	Nascimbeni	Italy
Per J.	Nilsson	Sweden
Ronan	O'Connell	Ireland
Louise	Olsson	Sweden
Mirko	Omejc	Slovenia
Mieszko Norbert	Opilka	Poland
Julius	Orhalmi	Czech Republic
Hector	Ortiz	Spain
Faramarz	Pakravan	Germany
Mike	Parker	United Kingdom
Dainius	Pavalkis	Lithuania
Georgios	Pechlivanides	Greece
Freddy	Penninckx	Belgium
Johann	Pfeifer	Austria
Joao	Pimentel	Portugal
Sergii	Podpriatov	Ukraine
Stephan	Potzler	Germany
Igor	Pravosudov	Russia
Andrew	Renaut	Australia
Frederic	Ris	Switzerland
Joan	Robert	Switzerland
Marcel	Sadeghi	Sweden
Tahir	Saleem	Ireland
Heikki	Sarparanta	Finland
Thomas	Schiedeck	Germany
Ignaz	Schneider	Germany
Viorel	Scripcariu	Romania
Indrek	Seire	Estonia
Sergejs	Skrjabins	Latvia
Matej	Skrovina	Czech Republic
Kaspars	Snipe	Latvia
Rafael	Stefaniak	Austria
Anton	Stift	Austria
Stevan	Stojkovic	United Kingdom
Algimantas	Tamelis	Lithuania
Marijke	Van De Moortel	Belgium
Barthold	Vonen	Norway
Ruben	Weil	Israel
Paulius	Zeromskas	Lithuania
Yehiel	Ziv	Israel
Evita	Zoucas	Sweden

Appendix 2

THE EUROPEAN SOCIETY OF COLOPROCTOLOGY 

Executive Committee

1. Members of the Executive committee shall be of international standing, and comprise: President, President elect, **President in Waiting**, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Chairman of the Programme Committee, Assistant Chairman of the Programme Committee, Representative of the Division of Coloproctology within the Section of Surgery UEMS, Journal Representative, Chairman of the Training and Education Committee, Chairman of the Research Committee
2. The terms of office of the Secretary, Treasurer and Chairman of the Programme Committee will be 3 years, with one office becoming vacant each year to avoid any two of these office holders demitting office in a particular year. **The Executive may in exceptional circumstances extend the length of office of any of the above office holders, subject to approval by the members at the AGM**

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THE EUROPEAN SOCIETY OF COLOPROCTOLOGY 

Committees' Terms of Reference

Training and Education Committee

1. The Training and Education Committee shall be responsible to Council for all **matters relating to training and education in Coloproctology in Europe**
2. The Training and Education Committee shall **promote subspecialty training within each country in Europe and encourage development of common standards**
3. The Training and Education Committee **will promote and support the EBSQ examination in Coloproctology**
4. The Chairman shall be elected on merit, irrespective of geographic origin and hold office for 3 years .
5. The membership of the Training and Education Committee shall consist of the Chairman, the Chair and Secretary of the EBSQ examination in Coloproctology, the Secretary (ex officio) and six members at large appointed by Council on the recommendation of the Executive subject to approval at the AGM.
6. Members will ordinarily be appointed for 3 years, with a maximum of 3 members demitting in any one year

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Trustees

4. One third of the Trustees shall be elected annually by the Council

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Conference Registration Rates

3. The **differential between members and non-members** must be an inducement for non-members, who wish to register, also to sign up for membership (i.e. >than additive = Preferential rate + membership, at whichever level).
4. Initially, there shall be **subsidized conference registration rates** for delegates from countries with lower per capita income as determined by OECD or similar reports, subject to annual review by the Executive Committee.

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Expenses

3. Members of the Executive, Council and Trustees will have reasonable **travel and accommodation expenses** reimbursed for participation in ESCP business held outside of the annual Scientific Meeting. Expenses must be vouched and are subject to a predetermined maximum determined by the treasurer.

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ESCP Trustees

	East	Centre	West
In office	Zoran Krivokapic Dainius Pavalkis	Lars Pählman Bela Teleky	Hector Ortiz Willem Bemelman
New additions	Petri Aitola	Werner Hohenberger	Mike Parker
Stepping down	Ioannis Karaitianos	Bruno Cola	Andrew Shorthouse

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